(b) the time likely to be taken in replacing the machinery being used at the exchanges;

(c) whether Government propose to set up electronic telephone exchanges ; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Two telephone exchanges namely Bhavnagar Main and telephone exchange at Chitra. First 1800 lines of Bhavnagar main exchange were installed in August, 65 and exchage has been expanded subsequently to the present capacity of 9900 lines. First 600 lines of Chitra exchange were installed in March, 1987 and exchange twice to the present capacity of 1000 lines.

(b) The entire equipment of these two exchanges has not yet completed the prescribed life. Some of the life expired capacity is planned to be replaced in Eighth Plan.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) 5000 lines of electronic exchanges in Bhavnagar are planned to be added during 94-95.

[*English*]

Radio Station at Kolhapur, Maharashtra

3959. SHRI UDAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the setting up of Radio Station at Kolhapur, Maharashtra has been completed in all respects;

(b) if so, whether the same has started functioning;and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c) . Though the new Radio Station at Kolhapur is technically ready, necessary staff required for manning the station is not in position. The Station is envisaged to be commissioned into service when the essential staff required for operation and maintenance of the Station is actually in position.

Use of Languages in Non-Hindi Speaking Areas

3960. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have directed to all Ministeries and Departments of the Government regarding the use of language on the name-boards, notice boards, etc. in non-Hindi speaking areas in Regional, Language, Hindi and English;

(b) whether Government are aware that these instructions are not being followed in Maharashtra ; and

(c) if so, steps the Government have taken or propose to take for the implementation of the instructions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Instances of these directions nor being followed in the Offices of the Central Government located in Maharashtra have not come to notice of the Central Government. However, the Officers of the con-